viii. On 7.4.2001, the Special Task Force, Uttar Pradesh arrested 3 persons for illegal possession of 1 tiger skin and 1 leopard skin at Palia. Kheri. Investigation is in progress.

ix. On 27.4.2001, the Special Task Force, Uttar Pradesh arrested 5 persons for possessing 1 tiger and 19 leopard skin at Kanpur and 5 leopard skin and 10 claws in Lucknow. Investigation is in progress.

x. On 14.5.2001, the Special Task Force, Uttar Pradesh arrested 2 persons for possessing 2 suspected tiger skin at Allahabad. Investigation is in progress.

Development of Environment and Forests

†673. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to the State of Bihar for the development of Environment and Forests Department during the last three years;

(b) the amount utilised in the State in this regard; and

(c) the details of specific reasons for non-utilisation of funds?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has released an amount of Rs. 1861.94 lakhs during the last three years to the State of Bihar for the development of Environment and Forests. The amount utilised in the State in this regard is Rs. 1355.39 lakhs during the last three years.

(c) Main reason for non-utilisation of funds is delay in releasing of funds to the implementing agencies by the State.

Sacking of KV Teachers

674. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some office-bearers of a recognised association of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas were sacked in January, 2001, for organising demonstrations, protest-rallies and burning effigy of Jt. Commissioner in August, 1999, after school hours and outside KVs premises;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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(b) if so, the details of such office-bearers; and

(c) the need and justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) One PET of Kendriya Vidyalaya No. I, Delhi Cantt, who was the General Secretary of Rashtriya Kendriya Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh (J) has been removed from service for violating conduct and disciplinary rules.

Development of Higher Technical Education Centres

675. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AICTE has submitted any plans to Government for the development of such institutions which provide for HigherTechnical Education exclusively for women in the field of electronic communication; computer science, information technology as well as business management at the post graduate level; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide a new impetus to the women's higher technical education as well as of their employment keeping in view international women's year?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has not submitted any plan for the development of institutions which provide for HigherTechnical Education exclusively for women. However, AICTE approved 144 diploma level and 13 degree level technical institutions exclusively for women. The opening of the above institutes exclusively for women and enhancement in the intake in co-education institutes arc working as confidence building measures for women, an important integral of women empowerment. The Centrally funded technical institutes namely Indian Institutes of Technology (UTs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, etc. have been asked to consider construction of hostel facilities exclusively for girl students. In addition, provision exists for providing accommodation to girl students studying in post-school professional courses under the scheme of Assistance for Construction of Working Women's Hostel with Day Care Centres.